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POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT LANDING SITES IN A SELECTED AREA OF U.S.S.R.

This memorandum is submitted in answer to a request from D/GG to furnish a general description of aircraft landing site possibilities in a selected Escape and Evasion Area in the U.S.S.R.

This area is predominantly farmland and offers many possible landing sites in the cultivated fields. However, the fields appear to be cultivated in alternate directions, so it would be better to land in one field only. Also, landings should be attempted lengthwise of the cultivation so that cross furrows will not present landing hazards.

There are a few fence rows or hedges separating the fields, and a few wooded areas might also present obstacles to landings. Telephone or power lines were observed only along major roads.

One major stream with numerous tributaries cuts through this area. Landings could probably be made on the fairly level uplands between the tributaries.

Most of the houses in the area are concentrated in small villages but there are a few scattered houses along the major roads.

Field roads between the cultivated fields appear to offer excellent landing site possibilities.

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Map Reference: Russian Series 1:100,000, NL-37, Sheets 17, 18,
29, 30.